

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

684 West Bel Air Avenue

First

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Aberdeen, Maryland

VICINITY OF

Harford

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

W. Earle Gosweiler

Telephone #: 272-1550

STREET & NUMBER

684 W. Bel Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Aberdeen,

VICINITY OF

Md. 21001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Court House, Bel Air, Md. 21014

Liber #: 267

Folio #: 403

STREET & NUMBER

Registry of Deeds

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Bel Air, Md. 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE KNOWN EXCEPT AS LISTED IN SURRA 5

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**RESUME OF REGISTRY DEEDS:**

Deed dated 16 Aug 1941, transferred to Earl Gosweiler, owned by Emily C. Gosweiler to W. Earle Gosweiler and Irene M. Gosweiler, his wife.

Deed dated May 20, 1919, Liber JAR 164/104 granted by W. Arthur Armstrong to said Emily C. Gosweiler and William L. Gosweiler, her husband.

Deed dated June 10, 1919, Liber JAR 164/104 granted to Wm. L. Gosweiler and Emily C. Gosweiler.

Deed dated 20 May 1919, Liber JAR 130/439 granted by Soptimus Davis to W. Arthur Armstrong.

Deed dated Jan. 30, 1912, Liber 134/439, Septimus Davis granted to W. Arthur Armstrong.

Liber 104, Folio 260 records a mortgage lien on real property held by Savings Bank of Harford County in the name of Charles Osborn.

Deed dated 22 March 1889, Liber 67, Folio 257, sale of property to Charles Osborn by Caroline F. Hunter and Charles A. Hunter.

Deed dated 30 June 1881, records rights to land given of Joshua W. Knight to his daughter Caroline Knight, later Caroline Hunter (Liber 43/Folio 58)

Liber ALJ 39 Folio 171, 10 May 1879, by decree of Harford Circuit Court, this entry records all this land held by George L. VanBibber, Trustee of Court to Joshua Knight.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Signifying historic site planning, this property contains a house oriented toward W. Bel Air Ave. and a barn, garage and outbuildings, all built during different time periods but all placed to the south of the house. Of the Victorian era, this dwelling displays such stylistic elements as an ocular, Peach Bottom slate shingles on the roof and a wrap-around porch with banisters, turned balusters and columns, scrollwork and latticework. The barn with its corncrib and the series of outbuildings with its henhouse and storage area reflect the agrarian history of Aberdeen. This property was once owned by the Osborns, a farming family who has lived in the community for many generations.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"HISTORY OF ABERDEEN, MARYLAND" by Richard F. Cronin, publ. by Bicentennial Comm. of Aberdeen, 1976.
 "OUR HARFORD HERITAGE" by C. Milton Wright, publ. French Bay Printing Co., 1980.
 "HARFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN" No. 8, Spring Edition, 1983.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .35 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

MARYLAND

HARFORD

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ABERDEEN HISTORIC SURVEY/RESTORATION COMMITTEE

July 12, 1983

ORGANIZATION

DATE

ABERDEEN TOWN COUNCIL

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

ABERDEEN, MD. 21001

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Gosweiler house
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: South side of Bel Air Avenue just east of a			
CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen point opposite Alton Street.			
STATE ML	CODE	COUNTY: Harper	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: W. Earle Gosweiler			
STREET AND NUMBER: E. Bel Air Ave. Extended			
CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen	STATE: Md	CODE	STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT			
STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST			
CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR	STATE: MARYLAND	CODE	COUNTY:

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame house, clapboard cover, 2 1/2 stories, L shaped with an additional lean-to at the rear, faces ~~east~~ north, 3 bays by 2 with 2 bays by 2 in the wing running south along the east wall. The A roof has a gable over the front, center, flanked by 2 dormers. There are two ~~interior~~ chimneys at the peak near the center of the house and one at the south end of the south wall.

A one-story porch shelters the north and east sides of the house. It has a low railing and fancy cut-work at the tops of the turned posts.

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☒Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itorion ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☒Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This farmhouse is being surrounded by the town of Aberdeen. The farm is diminished to a large lot with a grove of fine oaks, and the comfortable old house is a desirable residence. Its resistance to garish commercial development ~~may~~ ^{a few hundred yards away} not be permanent.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		JEAN S. EWING	
ORGANIZATION	MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER:		80 STATE CIRCLE	
CITY OR TOWN:	ANNAPOLIS	STATE	MARYLAND
		CODE	

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



Survey # HA-840
684 W. Bel Air Ave.
Front and Side
South
Gloria Kaminski
May 1983



survey # NA-840

684 W. Bel Air Ave.

Back and Side

North

Gloria Kaminski

May 1983